

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
APRIL 5, 2006 MEETING MINUTES**

Director Ware called for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Ware read the notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting.

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1. By forwarding notice thereof to Today's Sunbeam and Elmer Times Co.
 2. By posting notice thereof on the bulletin board in the Salem County Court House and County Administration Building; and
 3. By filing notice thereof in the Offices of the Salem County Clerk and the Clerk of the Board all having been done at least 48 hours in advance.
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ROLL CALL Members present were Freeholder Bobbitt, Timberman, Lindenmuth, Sullivan, Simmermon, Bestwick and Director Ware.

MINUTES Freeholder Bobbitt moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 15, 2006 and March 22, 2006 meetings. Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book, which was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. The motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Director Ware questioned if there was a Waiver of the Rules, the Clerk noted that there was not.

Director Ware presented the proposed 2006 budget. (Copy of text enclosed)

Director Ware called for a motion to introduce the 2006 budget, motion was made by Freeholder Bobbitt for Resolution 2006-164 and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, discussion ensued: Freeholder Bobbitt commented on our roads, Freeholder Timberman commented on railroad improvements, Freeholder Lindenmuth commented on the funding of public education, Freeholder Sullivan commented on the declining tax rate and the possibility that taxes may still rise in various communities, Freeholder Simmermon commented on the presentation and the call to municipalities to lower taxes. He also had questions on the surplus, Freeholder Bestwick commented that we all worked hard on the budget and questioned how much surplus was returned to the budget in 2005, Mrs. Bell stated approximately 3.1 million was returned. Mrs. Bestwick further requested the tax rate be lowered by an additional penny. Roll call vote was taken, 7-0 in favor of introducing the budget. Public Hearing (and adoption) scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, 2006

Freeholder Bobbitt moved for the Introduction of Bond Ordinance 2006-01.

Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Construction of Various Improvements at Salem County Community College: Appropriating the Sum of \$1,800,000 therefore; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the County of Salem, New Jersey in the Aggregate principal Amount of up to \$1,800,000; making certain Determinations and covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing.

The motion was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. Dr. Contini thanked the Board for this introduction, and spoke of the cooperation between the Community College and the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Roll call vote was taken, introduction carried 7-0 vote. Public Hearing (and adoption) scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, 2006.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation recognizing Community Transportation Services Day/Week

Proclamation recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month

Citation Honoring Elizabeth Smith upon Her Retirement with Thirty-Five Years Service to the County of Salem

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

Frank J. Cianfrani, Chief, Regulatory Branch, US Army Corps of Engineers – Public Notice to solicit comments and recommendations concerning issuance of a Department of the Army permit for work located at the following areas:

- Cape May Harbor, City of Cape May, Cape May County, New Jersey
- Delaware River, City of Camden, Camden County, New Jersey
- Atlantic Ocean, southern end of the City of Ventnor, Atlantic County, New Jersey
- Great Egg Harbor River, Hamilton Township, Atlantic County, New Jersey

Robert Menendez, United States Senator – letter of regret for not being able to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and press briefing for the Salem County Railroad Reconstruction

Robert J. Caccese, Director, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety – notice that Salem County has been awarded funding under the federal FY05 National Criminal History Improvement (NCHIP) Grant Program

Virginia Kop'Kash, Supervisor, LURP Mitigation Unit, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Use Regulation – notice of the NJDEP Water Budget Manual Grant Kickoff Meeting

Charles J. Girard, Counselor at Law – correspondence regarding the dam at Elmer Lake (Muddy Run)

John W. Trimble, Jr., Mason Point Meadow Bank Association – notice of a meeting to discuss repairs to the Mason Point Dike, litigation among the association and the New Jersey DEP and a change in the location of the Mason Point Dike

Patrick F. McAndrew, Attorney for the Applicant – notice of a public hearing to renew a land mining permit for existing pit located on Mannington Mills and DuBois Road in Mannington Township

US Home Corporation d/b/a Lennar by Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla, Attorney for Applicant – notice of a Public Hearing for an amendment to a condition of approval for the final major subdivision approval grant by the Board for the project known as "The Reserve at Creek Run"

J. Roy Oliver, Clerk, Maurice River Township – notice of a Public Meeting to review the Western Southern Cumberland Regional Strategic Plan petition for Plan Endorsement which has been prepared pursuant to the State Planning Commission's regulations set forth in NJAC 5:85-7.1, et seq. and the Plan Endorsement Guidelines approved by the State Planning Commission

Grant J. Hitchner, Grant J. Hitchner Farms – letter regarding the County's work on minimizing the curve on Shirley Road in Upper Pittsgrove Township

Robert M. Goodman, Executive Dean of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Executive Director of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, Dean of Cook College, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey – copy of the 2004-2005 Annual Report of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

Shirley E. Brooks, Associate Executive Director, The Arc of Salem County – copy of the Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Report for the first quarter of year 2006

Harry E. Perry, Board President, Salem County Vocational Technical School – correspondence regarding the Salem County Freeholder Board request for an audit review

Borough of Fair Lawn, Bergen County – resolution urging programs to reduce the population of Canada Geese in New Jersey

Cape May County – 2 resolutions:

- 1) resolution supporting Assembly Resolution No. 146 establishing the coastal southeastern New Jersey evacuation task force
- 2) resolution proclaiming April 2006 as Autism Awareness Month and April 3, 2006 as Autism Awareness Day in Cape May County

Cumberland County – resolution supporting legislation that would establish a coastal New Jersey Evacuation Task Force

Hunterdon County – 2 resolutions:

- 1) resolution requesting that bill A2813 contain a clarifying amendment that the county share of Local Aid shall be no less than the municipal share and to keep the funding equal between the counties and municipalities
- 2) resolution recommending an amendment to Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 182 directing that 100% of the funds collected be dedicated towards transportation projects

Mercer County – resolution requesting new State regulations pertaining to truck travel on local, county and state roadways in New Jersey

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

For the Month of January
Nursing Home – Complete HealthCare Resources
For the Month of February
Office for the Disabled
Veterans Services
For the Month of March
Weights & Measures

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Committee March 9th Minutes
Salem Community College Board of Trustees February 9th Minutes
Improvement Authority Annual Reorganization February 13th Minutes
Mental Health Board March 14th Minutes
Office on Aging Advisory Council February 21st Minutes
Planning & Transportation Committee February 21st Minutes
Board of Social Services November 17, 2005, January 13, 2006 Minutes, & March 24th Agenda
Transportation Advisory Council March 20th Minutes
Youth Workforce Investment Council January 25th Minutes

Freeholder Bobbitt made a motion to receive the correspondence, Departmental reports, committee/commission reports and to make them a part of the permanent record of the County of Salem, which was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. The motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Freeholder Bobbitt moved for the payment of Bills and Claims for the County of Salem, which was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. The motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Director Ware requested that all resolutions be read in bulk, there were no objections.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Ware, Bobbitt, Sullivan

Resolution 2006-165 Finance Resolution Cancellation of Grant Balance (\$448,000)

Resolution 2006-166 Emergency Temporary Resolution Prior to Adoption of Budget – County of Salem

Resolution 2006-167 Resolution Authorizing Agreement between the County of Salem and the Salem County Utilities Authority for the Disposal of Solid Waste

Resolution 2006-168 Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Grant from the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services for the County of Salem (\$111,382)

Resolution 2006-169 Resolution Authorizing Agreement to Provide Police Dispatching Services to Elmer Borough (\$2,500)

Resolution 2006-170 Resolution Authorizing Agreement to Provide Police Dispatching Services to Pennsville Township (\$60,000)

Freeholder Bobbitt moved for adoption of the foregoing six resolutions, which was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. The motion carried a vote of 7-0.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE –Sullivan, Ware, Simmermon

Resolution 2006-171 Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Lindemon and Associates for the Preparation of an Application to the New Jersey Historic Trust for the Salem County Court House (\$9,750)

Freeholder Sullivan moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution, which was seconded by Freeholder Bestwick. The motion carried a vote of 7-0.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE – Bestwick, Timberman, Lindenmuth

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Simmermon, Bestwick, Ware

Resolution 2006-172 Authorizing Freeholder Director and Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the County of Salem to Sign and Accept the 2006 County Environmental Health Act Grant Application

Resolution 2006-173 Authorizing Contract for the Administration of the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the Year 2006 (\$10,376.39-City of Salem; \$5,525.53-Borough of Elmer)

Freeholder Simmermon moved for adoption of the foregoing two resolutions, which was seconded by Freeholder Bestwick. The motion carried a vote of 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Lindenmuth, Bobbitt, Timberman

Resolution 2006-174 Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey in a Juvenile Justice Commission Program

Freeholder Lindenmuth moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution, which was seconded by Freeholder Bobbitt. The motion carried a vote of 7-0.

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Timberman, Lindenmuth, Sullivan

Resolution 2006-175 Appointing Members to the Salem County Advisory Solid Waste Council

Resolution 2006-176 for the Appointment of Alternate Member No. 2 to the Salem County Planning Board (Bohdan Sobkiw)

Freeholder Timberman moved for adoption of the foregoing 2 resolutions, which was seconded by Freeholder Lindenmuth. The motion carried a vote of 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Bobbitt, Bestwick, Simmermon

Resolution 2006-177 for the Appointment of a Member to the Salem County Mosquito Extermination Commission (Cliff Poindexter)

Freeholder Bobbitt moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution, which was seconded by Freeholder Bestwick. The motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Under Public comment Dr. Contini again thanked the Freeholders, Mayor Vorros complemented the Freeholders on the Budget, and Mr. Donahue commented on the salary of Vo-Tech school superintendent, Dr. Adams.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 2006-178 Authorizing the Exclusion of the Public from a Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Salem, was moved by Freeholder Bobbitt, seconded by freeholder Sullivan, carried 7-0. Freeholder Bobbitt asked the solicitor if he could attend and she responded affirmatively.

Freeholder Bobbitt moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution, which was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. On roll call, the motion for adoption carried a vote of 7/0.

The Freeholder Board entered closed session at 8:17 PM.

The Freeholder Board resumed open session at 9:08 PM.

Motion to forward the request from Pilesgrove Township concerning their Farmland Preservation Plan to the Planning and Transportation Committee was made and seconded. The motion carried a vote of 6-0 with Freeholder Bobbitt abstaining.

Motion to adjourn was made by Freeholder Bobbitt, seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. The motion carried a vote of 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.